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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Reissue Application of: Shirani, et al.)
Application No.: 09/286,679) Examiner: Ton, D.
Filed: April 1, 1999) Group Art Unit: 2732
For: NETWORK LINK DETECTION AND)
GENERATION)

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed November 8, 2000, please examine the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks. A petition for extension of time accompanies this amendment and is hereby requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

(CLAIMS AS AMENDED AFTER THE AUGUST 1, 2000 AMENDMENT)
(NO NEW AMENDMENTS MADE HEREIN)
(ORIGINAL CLAIMS 1-13 STAND ALLOWED AND ARE NOT SHOWN)

14. (amended) In a network having at least a first data source/sink and a second data source/sink coupled together by a physical medium, a method for determining at least one protocol capability of the second data source/sink, comprising:
placing first data pulses onto the physical medium, electrical characteristics of the first data pulses indicating a first protocol capability of the first source/sink;
receiving the first data pulses in the second data source/sink;
transmitting second data pulses onto the physical medium from the second data source/sink, wherein electrical characteristics of the second data pulses indicate the first protocol capability when the second data source/sink has the first protocol capability, wherein electrical